

July 14, 2004

Mr. Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Mr. Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: House Bill No. 2 by Representative Hammett
An Act with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities.

Gentlemen:

As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B) and Article IV, Section 5(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my authority to veto line items or provisions of the 2004 Capital Outlay Appropriations Bill.

VETO MESSAGE NO. 1

Page 16, lines 1 through 8

Office of State Museum, Natchitoches State Museum of North Louisiana, Planning and Construction (Natchitoches). This capital outlay project was amended in House Bill No. 2 on the Senate Floor, Set #589, Amendment No. 65, proposed by Sen. Willie Mount. During Fiscal Year 2003-04, the project was previously combined with the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on November 21, 2003. In preparing the Capital Outlay Bill, these projects were listed as one appropriation with the cash lines of credit being combined in Priority 1. Should the above project not be vetoed, there will be a duplication of two Priority 1 Cash Lines of Credit appropriated for the same project. This would give the project an additional \$100,000 Cash Line of Credit without having gone properly through the State Bond Commission in Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

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VETO MESSAGE NO. 2

Page 137, lines 44 through 48

Youngsville Highway 92 Realignment Near Youngsville, Construction, Right of Way, and Utilities (Lafayette). A series of Senate amendments filed concurrently inadvertently appropriated \$50,000 State General Fund (Direct) Nonrecurring Revenues in two separate locations in House Bill No. 2, once on Page 23, Lines 24 through 32, and the second time on Page 137, Lines 44 through 48 of the Enrolled House Bill No. 2. Since this is a DOTD-administered project, the appropriation to the local government of Youngsville should be vetoed.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

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